

CITY OF SEATTLE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Northgate Urban Center Rezone

The City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is issuing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Northgate Urban Center Rezone, consisting of possible rezones that could occur in up to a 98-acre portion of the Northgate Urban Center along and near the Northgate Way corridor. The “north core” study area subject to possible rezone includes properties east of Burke Avenue N, west of 12th Avenue NE, south of approximately NE 114th Street, and north of NE 107th Street (excluding the Northgate Mall). This programmatic FEIS studies four alternatives, including Alternative 3 that was formulated since publication of the Draft EIS in May 2008. Impact analysis for the new alternative is provided in this FEIS, and it also includes responses to verbal and written public comments submitted during the comment period in mid-2008. The Draft EIS and FEIS together comprise the programmatic EIS analysis to fulfill requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

Three of the alternatives describe different rezones for the “north core” subarea of the Northgate Urban Center. The rezone alternatives are described as: Alternative 1 - Broad Rezone; Alternative 2 - Focused Rezone; and Alternative 3 - Urban Design Framework. A No Action Alternative is also included. The FEIS also describes the relationship of other related implementation actions to the alternatives. The Director has determined that the EIS is legally adequate.

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Copies of FEIS: Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the Seattle Public Library, including the Central Branch, Northgate Branch, Lake City Branch and the Northeast Branch. Interested parties may obtain copies of the FEIS at DPD, 20th floor, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue.

An online version of the FEIS is available by following the link at www.seattle.gov/dpd.

Appeal of FEIS: Any person wishing to appeal the DPD Director's determination that the EIS is adequate may appeal that decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Office of the Hearing Examiner no later than 5:00 PM on January 4, 2010.

The Office of the Hearing Examiner is located at 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000, P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA, 98124.